

PUBLICATIONS.

Fat Testing of Cream by the Babcock Method has been issued by the Department of Agriculture as Bulletin 58, and should be of interest to all milk inspectors and boards of health interested in the pure milk question.

A Plea for Justice for the Consumptive, by S. A. Knopf, M. D., of New York, is a reprint of his address before the Society of Medical Jurisprudence. It is a powerful and straightforward attack on phthisiophobia, and the author deplores that action of the P. H. & M. H. Service which declared tuberculosis a dangerous contagious disease.

Lipase in the Urine as the Result of Experimental Pancreatic Disease, by Dr. A. L. Hewlett of San Francisco, read before the California Academy of Medicine, and published in the *Journal of Medical Research*, was abstracted at the time the paper was read by Dr. Hewlett. Research work of this sort is very valuable, and Dr. Hewlett is to be congratulated upon his work.

The President's Address, delivered by Dr. Wendell Phillips upon his election as president of the New York County Medical Society, in reprint form, is an interesting monograph. It deals, in large measure, with the treatment by the County Society of the numerous pests of quacks, abortionists, fakers of all sorts, and the gentry who prey upon the public, aided by the advertising columns of the daily press.

The Practitioner (London), for July, has a symposium on "Syphilis," including eleven papers on the subject: "History of Syphilis in France Since Ricord," by Paul Gastou; "Mercurial Injections," by Louis Wickham; "Treatment in Wiesbaden," by Karl Touton; "Treatment at Aix-la-Chapelle," by Anton Lieven; "Zittman Treatment of Tertiary Syphilis," by Sir Alfred Cooper; "Disease of the Brain," by F. W. Mott; "Serum Treatment," by J. Ernest Lane; "Syphilis in Egypt," by Frank Cole Madden; "Syphilis in Children," by George F. Still; "Ocular Manifestations," by Walter H. Jessop; "Disease and Treatment in Upper Air Passages," by St. Clair Thomson.

Has Craw-Craw Come to Stay? by J. Dencer Whittles, B. D. S., etc., University of Birmingham. Monograph forwarded through the courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution. Craw-craw is described by the author as a rather newly observed general infection by a nematode, the vehicle of transmission being probably milk; he has found the parasite in milk on several occasions. "One of the commonest symptoms is a frequent intolerable itching of the skin." The disease has occasionally been mistaken for smallpox. The disease is common to the west coast of Africa, where it is said of the natives that "all of them, male and female, have it sooner or later." It was probably brought to England by the returning soldiers, and is now reported to be so common in some sections of Birmingham that "five out of six" or "every other" person seen, has it.

Growth of Algæ; A Method of Destroying or Preventing The, and Certain Pathogenic Bacteria in Water Supplies, is Bulletin No. 64 of the Department of Agriculture. "Dr. Moore and Mr. Kellerman have shown that it is entirely practicable to cheaply and quickly destroy objectionable algæ in small lakes, ponds, storage reservoirs, and other similar bodies of water by the use of extremely dilute solution of copper sulphate or of metallic copper. The fact that an extremely dilute solution (one to one hundred thousand) will also destroy the most virulent typhoid and cholera bacteria at ordinary temperatures in three hours is of great importance and significance. Solutions of copper as dilute as this are not considered injurious to man or other animals. The value of copper, especially colloidal, in preventing or treating typhoid and other related diseases should be carefully investigated by competent pathologists."

PERSONALS.

Dr. Leo Newmark of San Francisco has gone to Europe to be absent about four months.

Dr. W. Edward Hibbard of Pasadena has gone to Germany on a three or four months' visit.

Dr. George H. Fay has changed his location from East Auburn to Forest Hill, Placer county.

Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, editor of the *Medical Sentinel*, Portland, Or., has been nominated for State Senator.

Dr. Cornelius Van Zwalenburg of Riverside passed through San Francisco on July 19th on his way to Europe.

Dr. Otis B. Spalding has located at Yreka, Siskiyou county, recently having had offices in the Starr King building, San Francisco.

Dr. George Chismore met with another accident about the middle of July, sustaining a fracture of the leg through a fall. The JOURNAL trusts he will have a prompt and satisfactory recovery.

Dr. Barton J. Powell, secretary of the San Joaquin County Medical Society, was a welcome caller at the JOURNAL office a few days ago. The San Joaquin Society holds no meetings in July and August, which explains the non-appearance of the interesting reports sent in by Dr. Powell.

Born, at Santa Rosa, to Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Mallory, a fine nine-pound girl baby. As the doctor's family heretofore consisted of five boys, the advent of the little sister is hailed with great delight. The STATE JOURNAL joins in congratulations, and is pleased to learn that mother and babe are "doing fine."

Dr. P. J. H. Farrell, now living in Chicago, but for several years located in San Francisco, seems to have a faculty for being in the vicinity of excitement. At the time of the Iroquois Theater fire he was standing on the nearest corner, and was the first physician to engage in rescue work. News has come that he has recently been in a rather serious railroad wreck, where he escaped injury, and then proceeded to aid a number of other passengers. Dr. Farrell was for some two years in the Philippines as surgeon with the California troops.

Change of address, San Francisco: Dr. A. W. Perry, 1236 Market to Grant building; Dr. J. E. Nast, 1354 Folsom to Grant building; Dr. Clarence Quinan, 751 to 369 Sutter street; Dr. F. B. Sutherland, Starr King building to 939 Bush; Dr. C. G. Kuhlman, 338 Eddy to 936 Van Ness; Dr. H. Herrington, 467 Geary to 1688 Post; Dr. H. A. Ohrwall, 502 Sutter to 701 Howard; Dr. L. W. Spriggs, 499 Eddy to Hotel Stewart; Dr. Charles Phipps, 1496 Fulton to 750 Ellis; Dr. C. M. Troppman, 1206 to 1584 Market; Dr. C. S. Nagel, 1220 to 731 Sutter; Dr. Alfred Eichler (residence) from 1242 Mission to Nineteenth and Eureka streets.

OF COURSE.

The *American Journal of Surgery and Gynecology* quotes an editorial in the *Cincinnati Lancet-Clinic*, dealing with the question of the *Journal A. M. A.*, state journals, advertising, etc. It is rather involved, and but one portion attracts attention. "A medical journal, like a newspaper, generally reflects the characteristics of its subscribers. If its subscribers ask for a scientific journal, it will necessarily have to be forthcoming. * * * We have a precedent thoroughly demonstrating this fact, as instanced in the CALIFORNIA STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL. When the profession of that State recently demanded that the editorial columns of the STATE JOURNAL be confined to subjects strictly scientific, the change was at once made." Why, certainly!

Name Misspelled.—A regrettable typographical error in the July issue of the STATE JOURNAL gave the name of the author of the important paper on "Complications and Sequelæ of Measles" as J. Mayer, when it should have been J. Maher, M. D.